(h) if, so, what steps Government parpose take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RE SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DE PARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CUL TURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The eligibility criteria are same as in the case of students for regular courses.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) these centres are, LP. College, Jesus and Mary College, Laxmibai College, Kalindi College, S. P. Mukherjee College, Vivekananda Mahila College, Janki Devi Mahavidyalaya, Mata Sundari College and Maitrey College. Each centre functions under the overall supervision of the Principal of the College with a teacher of the College looking after all academic, administrative and other activities of the centre. In each centre the teacher incharge is assisted by a few employees of the college on a part, time basis.

(e) Attendance is not obligatory.

(f) to (h) The University of Delhi has reported that the teacher incharge has signed the quorum attendance register for each class conducted by differenet teachers. The University has also not received any complaint from the students in this behalf.

Promoting Community Colleges by UGC

4956. SYED SIBTEY. RAZI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleasr ed to state:

(a) whether University Grants .cjommiss'on propose to promote Community Colleges in the country;'

(b) if so, the details thereoi with background;

(c) whether such move would provide scope of education to weaker sections of all communities;

(d) whether such move would also raise the educational standard of the country; and,

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) to (e) According to the information furnished by UGC, a feasibility study on 'Community Colleges' has been conducted by a Committee constituted by the Commission for the purpose. The matter is under further consideration of the UGC.

Grant of autonomous status to Colleges

4957. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to grant autonomous status to colleges in different universities;

(b) what are the guidelines for allowing such colleges to function; and

(c) how many colleges are permit-ed by Government to run as autonomous colleges?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) The National Policy on Education,

1986, as modified in *1992,* states that autonomous colleges will be helped to develop in large numbers until the affiliating system is replaced by a freer and more creative association of Universities with colleges.

(b) According to the information furnished by the UGC, the following procedure has been laid down in the UGC guidelines for conferment of autonomous status on a College: —

(i) A Standing Committee consisting *of representatives* of *the* UGC and the State Government is to be constituted by each University for ensuring effective implementation of the Scheme of Autonomous Colleges.

(ii) Proposals in the prescribed proforma are invited from the Colleges by the concerned University for consideration by the Standing Committee. The Committee may visit the Colleges to discuss the proposals with the Management and/or *faculty members.*

(iii) The recommendations of the Standing Committee after approval of the Vice-Chancellor, are to be forwarded to the UGC and the State Government. The recommendations of the University and the State Government are also to be furnished to the UGC. After . the UGC and the State Government have concurred in the proposal, a notification regarding confermeof of autonomous status on College is issued by the University.

(c) Autonomous status is conferied on a college by the concerned — University in consultation with the State Government and the UGC. At present, 109 Colleges are functioning as autonomous colleges.

Opening Cental School in Vasant Vihar, New Delhi

4958. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criteria for opening central schools in the country;

(b) whether the criteria has any relation with the population of Central Government employees in a particular locality; and

(c) if so, whether Government pro pose to consider opening a Central School in Central Government Hous ing Complex, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi where more than 100 families of Central Government servants are residing?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIO AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA); (a and (b) Within the resources avail able to it and within the number o schools authorised by the Govern ment to be opened annually. Kendri ya Vidyalayas are opened in Civil 'Defence Sector generally where ther is a concentration of at least 100(transferable Central Government em ployees and the sponsoring organsa tions agree to provide temporary ac commodation: sufficient /suitable Ian free of cost for construction of per manent school building and othe facilities, as per norms prescribed b Kendriya Vidvalava Sangathan.

Kendriya Vidyalayas are also oper ed in project sector wherever spor soring project authorities agree meet the recurring and non-recurrin expenditure on the Vidyalaya an the proposal conforms to the nonr rtrescribed by Kendriya Vidyalaj Sangathan.